(b) the names of places where 'Kuteer Jyoti' scheme has been implemented in that district and the places which are proposed to be covered by this facility in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) Bihar State Electricity Board has reported that 803 villages in the Sitamarhi District have been electrified upto 31st March, 1991, leaving a balance of 238 villages yet to be electrified.

(b) Bihar State Electricity Board has reported release of about 1700 single point light connctions under Kuteer Jyoti Scheme in the Sitamarhi district of Bihar. Under the scheme, which was financed from Central grants during 1988-89 and 1989-90, the task of identifying the beneficiaries was left to the State Government.

[Translation]

Railway Line from Panvel to Karjat

3438. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to lay a railway line from Panvel to Karjat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which this scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) A survey for new BG line between Panvel and Karjat has been taken up. Further decision will be taken based on reults of the survey and availability of resources in the coming years.

[English]

Flaring of Natural Gas in Assam

3439. SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether huge quantity of natural gas is being flared daily in Assam;

(b) if so, the places from where gas is being flared and the quantity thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to utilise the flared gas in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Over 1.5 MMSCMD of associated gas is being flared in a number of oilfields in Assam including Lakwa, Geleki and Rudrasagar.

(c) Steps to increase utilisation of gas include identification of new consumers, installation of additional gas compressors, implementation of additional gas injection schemes, recovery of LPG, etc.

Capacity Utilisation of Power Plants of Uttar Pradesh

3440. SHRI RAM NIHOR RAI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the production capacity of the Rihand Hydel Power Station, Obra, Anpara and Beejpur thermal power stations of Uttar Pradesh and the power activity generated by these stations;

(b) whether there is any difference between the production capactiy and the power activity generated;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor, and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(d) the time by which the Anpara thermal power station, phase-II is likely to become operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The installed capacity, energy generation and Plant Load Factor of Rihand Hydel Power Station, Obra, Anpara and Rihand Super Thermal Power Stations during April, 1991-July, 1991 is given below:—

Name of the Station	Installed Capacity (MW)	Energy Generation (MU)	Plant Load Factor (%)
Rihand Hydro Electric Project	300	376	*—
ObraThermal Project	1550	2508	57.8